

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hiromitsu NANBA, et al. Confirmation No.: 4956  
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Examiner : Eric W. Golightly  
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For : SUBSTRATE CLEANING METHOD, SUBSTRATE CLEANING  
APPARATUS AND COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 111

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir :

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2009, to which a response is due February 6, 2010, please amend the above-identified application and consider the following remarks as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 10.